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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated February 11, 2003, please
consider the following remarks.

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REMARKS

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Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully
requested. Currently, claims 44-48 and 50-60 are pending in this application.

Objection to the Claims:

Claim 44 was objected to for allegedly depending from a canceled claim.

The Office Action indicated that "For examination purposes, the examiner will